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FOLLOWING IS FINAL COMMUNIQUE ISSUED BY CENTO

MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE IN LONDON APRIL 20:

BEGIN QUOTE:

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1. LONDON, APRIL 20, 1978 - THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS OF THE CENTRAL TREATY ORGANIZATION (CENTO) HELD THEIR 25TH SESSION IN LONDON ON APRIL 19-20, 1978.
2. THE DELEGATIONS WERE LED BY: IRAN - H.E. DR. ABBAS-ALI KHALATBARY, MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS; PAKISTAN - H. E. MR. AGHA SHAHI, ADVISER ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS; TURKEY - H. E. PROF. GUNDUZ OKCUN, MINISTER

OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS; UNITED KINGDOM - THE RT. HON.

DR. DAVID OWEN MP, SECRETARY OF STATE FOR FOREIGN AND
COMMONWEALTH AFFAIRS; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA - THE
HONOURABLE CYRUS VANCE, SECRETARY OF STATE.

3. FOLLOWING THE READING BY THE RT. HON. DR. DAVID
OWEN OF A MESSAGE OF WELCOME FROM HER MAJESTY QUEEN
ELIZABETH THE SECOND, OPENING STATEMENTS WERE MADE BY
THE LEADERS OF DELEGATIONS AND BY THE SECRETARY-GENERAL
OF CENTO, EXPRESSING THEIR APPRECIATION OF THE QUEEN'S
MESSAGE AND THE WARM HOSPITALITY OF THE HOST GOVERNMENT.

4. H.E. MR. KAMURAN GURUN, THE NEW SECRETARY-
GENERAL OF THE ORGANIZATION PRESIDED AT THE OPENING
MEETING. THE RT. HON. DR. DAVID OWEN, SECRETARY OF
STATE FOR FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH AFFAIRS, PRESIDED
AT SUBSEQUENT COUNCIL MEETINGS.

5. THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS CONDUCTED A WIDE-
RANGING REVIEW OF THE PRESENT INTERNATIONAL SITUATION,
GIVING SPECIAL ATTENTION TO MATTERS OF INTEREST TO THE
CENTO REGION. THE MINISTERS REAFFIRMED THE VITAL IMPOR-
TANCE THEY ATTACH TO THE PRESERVATION OF THE INDEPEN-
DENCE AND TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY OF EACH OF THE MEMBER
STATES IN THE REGION AND PLEDGED CONTINUED SUPPORT FOR
THE CENTRAL TREATY ORGANIZATION.

6. THE MINISTERS REVIEWED DEVELOPMENTS IN THE MIDDLE
EAST AND THE SURROUNDING AREA SINCE THEIR LAST MEETING.
THEY REAFFIRMED THE IMPORTANCE THEY ATTACH TO THE
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CONTINUATION OF EFFORTS AIMED AT ACHIEVING A COMPRE-
HENSIVE SETTLEMENT WHICH WOULD RESULT IN A JUST,
HONOURABLE AND DURABLE PEACE IN THIS AREA BASED ON
UNITED NATIONS SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS 242 AND 338.
THEY STRESSED THE IMPORTANCE OF WITHDRAWAL ON ALL FRONTS
PURSUANT TO RESOLUTION 242 AND THE RESOLUTION OF ALL
ASPECTS OF THE PALESTINIAN QUESTION IN A WAY THAT
RECOGNIZES THE LEGITIMATE RIGHTS OF THE PALESTINIAN
PEOPLE AND ENABLES THEM TO PARTICIPATE IN THE DETERMI-
NATION OF THEIR OWN FUTURE. THEY AGREED THAT THE
CONTINUING FAILURE TO ACHIEVE PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST
CONSTITUTED A GRAVE THREAT TO WORLD PEACE.

7. WITH REGARD TO RECENT EVENTS IN SOUTHERN LEBANON,
THE MINISTERS AFFIRMED THE IMPORTANCE OF THE FULL AND
EXPEDITIOUS IMPLEMENTATION OF UNITED NATIONS SECURITY
COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS 425 AND 426, INCLUDING THE PROMPT
WITHDRAWAL OF ALL ISRAELI FORCES FROM SOUTHERN LEBANON,
THE EARLY ESTABLISHMENT OF SECURE AND PEACEFUL CONDITIONS
IN THAT AREA, AND THE RESTORATION OF LEBANESE GOVERNMENTAL
AUTHORITY THERE. IN THIS CONNECTION, THEY EXPRESSED
THEIR STRONG SUPPORT FOR THE IMPORTANT ROLE OF THE
UNITED NATIONS INTERIM FORCE IN LEBANON.

8. THE MINISTERS NOTED THAT PROPOSALS WITH RESPECT TO CYPRUS HAD BEEN TRANSMITTED TO THE SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE UNITED NATIONS AND EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS LEADING TO A LASTING AND JUST SOLUTION TO THE CYPRUS PROBLEM COULD BE RESUMED IN THE NEAR FUTURE THROUGH THE GOOD OFFICES OF THE SECRETARY-

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GENERAL OF THE UNITED NATIONS.

9. THE MINISTERS NOTED THAT SOMALI FORCES HAVE BEEN

WITHDRAWN FROM THE OGADEN AREA OF THE HORN OF AFRICA AND THE FIGHTING THERE HAD BEEN REDUCED, BUT EXPRESSED CONCERN THAT THIS DISPUTE SHOULD HAVE LED TO ARMED CONFLICT, WITH FOREIGN INTERVENTION, ON THE SCALE THAT UNCLASSIFIED

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IT HAD. THEY STRESSED THE IMPORTANCE OF ATTEMPTING TO RESOLVE SUCH DISPUTES BY PEACEFUL NEGOTIATION WHICH COULD LEAD TO A SETTLEMENT, JUST AND HONOURABLE TO ALL PARTIES CONCERNED. THE MINISTERS EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT THE ERITREAN CONFLICT WILL BE BROUGHT TO A PEACEFUL CONCLUSION UNDER THE AEGIS OF THE ORGANIZATION OF AFRICAN UNITY AND THAT ALL EXTERNAL FORCES WILL BE WITHDRAWN FROM ETHIOPIA.

10. THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS EXCHANGED VIEWS ON DEVELOPMENTS IN EUROPE, AND NOTED THAT IT HAD BEEN AGREED IN BELGRADE THAT A FURTHER REVIEW MEETING OF THE CONFERENCE ON SECURITY AND COOPERATION IN EUROPE SHOULD BE HELD IN MADRID, BEGINNING IN NOVEMBER 1980. IN THIS CONTEXT, THE MINISTERS TOOK NOTE OF THE FULL AND FRANK REVIEW OF IMPLEMENTATION THAT OCCURRED IN BELGRADE. THEY STRESSED THAT DETENTE COULD NOT BE SELECTIVE AND THAT SECURITY IN THE CENTO REGION WAS A CLOSELY CONNECTED ELEMENT.

11. IN REVIEWING THE REPORT OF THE ECONOMIC COMMITTEE, THE MINISTERS NOTED WITH SATISFACTION THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL PROGRESS IN THE REGION, AND EXPRESSED THEIR APPRECIATION OF THE ECONOMIC PROJECTS, PARTICULARLY IN THE FIELDS OF AGRICULTURE, MINERALS DEVELOPMENT AND PUBLIC HEALTH, UNDERTAKEN BY CENTO DURING THE PAST YEAR. THEY INSTRUCTED THE COMMITTEE TO CONTINUE SEEKING WAYS AND MEANS OF PROMOTING ECONOMIC AND TECHNICAL COOPERATION WITHIN THE ORGANIZATION EVEN FURTHER.

12. THEY ALSO NOTED WITH APPROVAL THE EXPANDED CULTURAL EXCHANGE AND MASS MEDIA PROGRAMMES UNDERTAKEN WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF CENTO.

13. THE MINISTERS NOTED THE REPORT OF THE MILITARY COMMITTEE AND EXPRESSED SATISFACTION WITH THE PROGRESS MADE DURING THE PAST YEAR IN THE IMPROVEMENT OF COOPERATION. UNCLASSIFIED

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RATION AMONG THE ARMED FORCES OF THE ALLIANCE.

14. THE MINISTERS ALSO NOTED THE PROGRESS MADE IN COUNTERING THE THREAT OF SUBVERSION IN THE REGION AND REAFFIRMED THE DETERMINATION OF THEIR GOVERNMENTS TO CONTINUE TAKING THE NECESSARY MEASURES TO ELIMINATE

THIS THREAT.

15. THE MINISTERS REITERATED THEIR CONVICTION THAT A FRANK AND FRIENDLY DISCUSSION OF ALL BILATERAL AND MULTILATERAL QUESTIONS BETWEEN MEMBER COUNTRIES CAN ALONE STRENGTHEN SOLIDARITY AND IMPROVE UNDERSTANDING.

16. DURING THEIR REVIEW OF EVENTS WITHIN THE CENTO REGION, THE MINISTERS EXPRESSED APPRECIATION AT THE POSITIVE AND CONSTRUCTIVE INITIATIVES TAKEN BY THE REGIONAL MEMBERS TOWARDS NORMALISATION OF RELATIONS AND THE REDUCTION OF TENSION AND TO ENHANCE COOPERATION WITH OTHER COUNTRIES OF THE AREA.

17. IN CONCLUDING THEIR REVIEW, THE MINISTERS NOTED WITH APPRECIATION THE ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL. THEY REAFFIRMED THEIR DETERMINATION TO ENSURE THAT THE ALLIANCE CONTINUES TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE PEACE, SECURITY AND STABILITY OF THE REGION, SO AS TO PROMOTE THE PROSPERITY AND WELL-BEING OF ITS MEMBER NATIONS.

18. THE MINISTERS ACCEPTED THE INVITATION OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO HOLD THE NEXT SESSION OF THE COUNCIL DURING 18-19 APRIL 1979 IN WASHINGTON, D. C. END QUOTE.

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